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TO: Independent Rural Health Clinics (IRHC) Providers

RE: Changes to Billing Effective April 1, 2018

Effective for date of service **April 1, 2018** or later, Alabama Medicaid (Medicaid) will require IRHCs to bill the exact or closest procedure code for the service being performed. During claims processing, submitted procedure codes will systematically roll into a T1015 procedure code to generate an encounter rate.

How can an IRHC help ensure they receive payment?

- Itemize the billing to services they are performing
- Utilize the Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) Code Book
- Document medical support in the recipient chart to justify level of care billing
- Submit a clean claim (refer to Provider Manual Chapter 5)

Note Billing for services within the encounter must be under the IRHC National Provider Identifier (NPI).*

What services are billable and reimbursable outside of the encounter rate?

- Vaccines for Children (VFC) 18 years and under
- Deliveries
- Surgeries with place of service 21 or 22
- Labs
- Technical component for:
 - Electrocardiograms (EKG's)
 - Radiology
- Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)
- Smoking cessation products (under family planning)

Note Billing for services outside the encounter must be under the non IRHC National Provider Identifier (NPI) and on a separate claim.*

Medicaid commits to ensuring a smooth transition:

- Medicaid welcomes providers with interest in testing. For questions or assistance regarding testing, please email the Medicaid Fiscal Agent at AlabamalRHCTest@groups.ext.hpe.com.
- Dates for testing will be March 1-16, 2018, for claims with dates of service December 1, 2017, or later.

For questions regarding the IRHC reimbursement, please contact the Medicaid Fiscal Agent, Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-688-7989.

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